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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN - LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE:

ITALIAN AMBASSADOR RECEIVES PROTEST

REF: ROME 7274

1. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR GIUFFRIDA CAME IN THIS MORNING
TO REPORT THAT HE HAD BEEN SUMMONED TO MOFA MAY 4 TO
RECEIVE VERY STIFF PROTEST OVER ALLEGED ENI ROLE IN
ARRANGING READING AND BATES CONTRACT WITH LIBYA AS

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MEANS OF GETTING ITALY OFF THE HOOK. DIRECTOR FOR
EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS BEDJDOUB TOLD HIM
THAT GOT GREATLY RESENTED "ITALY'S" APPARENTLY
SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO IMPLICATE "AMERICANS" IN
CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE AND REFUSED TO BELIEVE
ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD NO HAND IN THIS LATEST MOVE.

2. MEDJDOUB ALSO REMINDED GIUFFRIDA THAT CASE AGAINST MASTER OF SCARABEO IV WILL BE HEARD IN TUNIS COURT MAY 14 AND, IN EVENT OF ADVERSE JUDGEMENT, GOT WAS IN A POSITION TO PROCEED AGAINST ENI PROPERTIES LOCATED IN TUNISIA, WHICH ARE NOT INCONSIDERABLE (CHIEFLY IN EL BORMA OILFIELDS). GIUFFRIDA TOLD ME HE DOUBTED GOT WOULD PROCEED TO SEIZE ENI PROPERTY AS THIS COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE; ENI IS THE MAJOR TUNISIAN PRODUCER.

3. I ASKED GIUFFRIDA WHETHER GOT HAD EVER CONNECTED SCARABEO AFFAIRS WITH ALGERIA-TUNISIA-SICILY GAS PIPELINE PROJECT. HE REPLIED IN NEGATIVE BUT THOUGHT ENI MIGHT TRY WOOTHING WOUNDED TUNISIAN FEELINGS BY SOFTENING ITS RESISTANCE TO GOT DEMAND FOR HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF GAS OFFTAKE THAN ENI HAS BEEN WILLING SO FAR TO CONCEDE. HE WOULD TRY THIS ON ROME FOR SIZE.

4. I TOOK OCCASION OF AMBASSADOR'S CALL TO RECOUNT STRONG DEMARCHE I HAD RECEIVED FROM ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER APRIL 30 AND TO ASSURE HIM US CONCERN HAD BEEN CONVEYED BY EMBASSY ROME TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, SUMMARIZING ROME 7274 FOR HIM. HE ASKED WHETHER WASHINGTON HAD REACTED TO TUNISIAN DEMARCHE. I SAID IT HAD NOT.
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